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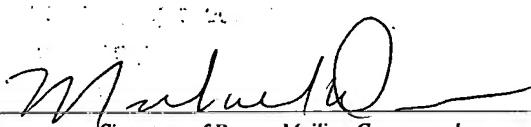
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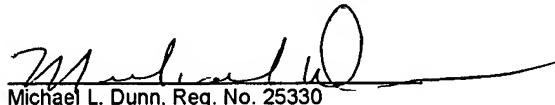
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This is a reply to the official action of December 24, 2003.

### Remarks

Claims 20-25 and 34-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over George or Pasternack.

Claims 20-23 and 26-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platt.